

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the subject application as amended herein. This Amendment is submitted in response to a Final Office Action mailed on August 25, 2004. Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12 and 14-19 are rejected. In this amendment, claims 2 and 9 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 1, 3-7, 10, 12-13 and 15-19 have been canceled without prejudice.

The Examiner objected to the Abstract because it exceeded 150 words in length. The Abstract has been amended accordingly.

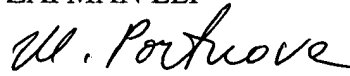
Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 11 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 2 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 13 and intervening claim 9. In view of these amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 2 and dependent claims 8, 9, 11 and 14 are now in condition for allowance, and request allowance of said claims.

Deposit Account Authorization

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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